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NEW INCORPORATIONS UPTURN FROM PREVIOUS MONTH BUT LAG BEHIND YEAR EARLIER

NEW YORK, February 23-- After steadying in the previous month, new business incorporations stepped up 6.5 per cent to a seasonally adjusted total of 48,474 in November from 45,530 in October, reports Dun & Bradstreet. However, business charters remained 1.9 per cent under their year-earlier pace of 49,413 in November 1981.

The upturn in incorporations between October and November was concentrated in two regions, the West South Central and Mountain States, which were lifted primarily by Arizona, Louisiana, and Texas. Contrary to the over-all lag behind 1981 charterings, gains were registered in the East North Central, New England and West South Central States.

During the first eleven months of 1982, a total of 507,192 new businesses were incorporated, 4.8 per cent less than in the comparable months of 1981. This decline prevailed in eight of the nation's nine major geographic regions.

TOTAL NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS

	Nov. 1982	Previous Month	Previous Year
Unadjusted	44,354	45,029	43,533
Seasonally Adjusted	48,474	45,530	49,413

Geographic Division	Nov. 1982	Nov. 1981	Eleven Months 1982 (unadj.)	Eleven Months 1981 (unadj.)
NEW ENGLAND	2,129	1,966	23,708	25,748
MIDDLE ATLANTIC	7,774	8,081	85,208	88,255
EAST NORTH CENTRAL	5,693	4,805	66,340	69,648
WEST NORTH CENTRAL	2,118	2,229	25,977	28,848 R
SOUTH ATLANTIC	10,021	9,269	117,863	121,448
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL	1,663	1,716	19,422	19,847
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL	6,001 E	5,636	65,974	63,264
MOUNTAIN	3,290	3,843	35,863	39,523
PACIFIC	5,665	5,988	66,837	76,011
TOTAL UNITED STATES	44,354 E	43,533	507,192 E	532,592 R

R=Revised Seasonal Adjustment Factor from Jan. 1979 to date.
E=Estimated

(STATE FIGURES ON REVERSE SIDE)

NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS BY STATES AND GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

		Nov. 1982	Nov. 1981	Eleven Months 1982	Eleven Months 1981
NEW ENGLAND	Maine	150	130	1,600	1,727
	New Hampshire	175	142	1,725	1,748
	Vermont	109	110	1,176	1,364
	Massachusetts	909	880	10,609	11,533
	Connecticut	613	557	6,502	7,268
	Rhode Island	173	147	2,096	2,108
MIDDLE ATLANTIC	New York	5,033	5,281	52,975	53,619
	New Jersey	1,670	1,749	20,138	22,283
	Pennsylvania	1,071	1,051	12,095	12,353
EAST NORTH CENTRAL	Ohio	1,255	1,010	13,199	14,714
	Indiana	694	541	6,993	7,686
	Illinois	2,037	1,723	25,107	25,391
	Michigan	1,241	1,085	15,475	15,801
	Wisconsin	466	446	5,566	6,056
WEST NORTH CENTRAL	Minnesota	553	553	6,558	6,635R
	Iowa	304	324	3,660	4,412
	Missouri	613	694	7,719	8,375
	North Dakota	51	96	932	1,182
	South Dakota	53	59	708	820
	Nebraska	223	178	2,611	2,974
	Kansas	321	325	3,789	4,450
SOUTH ATLANTIC	Maryland	820	536	9,337	9,065
	Delaware	1,706	1,737	19,358	21,387
	District of Columbia	130	132	1,562	1,609
	Virginia	903	889	10,952	11,522
	West Virginia	264	204	3,102	3,104
	North Carolina	739	641	8,648	8,562
	South Carolina	323	332	3,621	4,149
	Georgia	959	844	11,232	11,405
	Florida	4,177	3,954	50,051	50,645
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL	Kentucky	451	439	5,389	5,159
	Tennessee	554	591	6,759	6,982
	Alabama	372	361	4,058	4,132
	Mississippi	286	325	3,216	3,574
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL	Arkansas	222	276	3,535	3,712
	Oklahoma	1,080E	1,186	12,445E	7,567
	Louisiana	1,279	1,156	13,213	12,735
	Texas	3,420	3,018	36,781	39,250
MOUNTAIN	Montana	155	163	1,485	1,713
	Idaho	131	121	1,608	1,770
	Wyoming	160	110	1,260	1,534
	Colorado	830	1,131	10,466	11,392
	New Mexico	187	198	2,214	2,320
	Arizona	919	857	8,646	9,124
	Utah	259	282	3,188	3,708
	Nevada	649	981	6,996	7,962
PACIFIC	Alaska	171	213	2,364	2,111
	Washington	683	666	7,639	8,568
	Oregon	476	435	5,451	5,940
	California	4,117	4,505	49,082	56,631
	Hawaii	218	169	2,301	2,761
TOTAL UNITED STATES		44,354E	43,533	507,192E	532,592R

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STRONG UPSURGE IN NEW INCORPORATIONS AT CLOSE OF 1982

NEW YORK, March 22 -- Ending 1982 with a rebound to a new monthly record, business incorporations surged 18.6 per cent to a seasonally adjusted total of 57,507 in December, reports Dun & Bradstreet. Up from 48,474 in November, new business charters climbed in all nine major goegraphic regions and in all except six states.

In addition, after a lag behind comparable 1981 levels in every month of 1982, December incorporations pushed 20.9 per cent ahead of the year-earlier pace of 47,556. Three geographic regions posted gains in excess of 30 per cent: the Middle Atlantic, East North Central, and West South Central States.

Despite the year-end spurt, the aggregate number of businesses incorporated during 1982 came to 566,942, some 2.5 per cent less than the 581,242 a year earlier. The slowing from 1981 pace prevailed in all areas except the West South Central where the total was up 7.1 per cent. Two other areas, the Middle Atlantic and South Atlantic, came within a fraction of equalling the previous year's aggregates.

TOTAL NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS

	Dec. 1982	Previous Month	Previous Year
Unadjusted.....	59,750	44,354	48,650
Seasonally Adjusted.....	57,507	48,474	47,556

Geographic Division	Dec. 1982 (Unadj.)	Dec. 1981 (Unadj.)	Twelve Months 1982 (Unadj.)	Twelve Months 1981 (Unadj.)
New England.....	2,776	2,386	26,484	28,134
Middle Atlantic.....	10,304	7,919	95,512	96,174
East North Central.....	8,270	6,133	74,610	75,781
West North Central.....	3,468	2,749	29,445	31,597R
South Atlantic.....	13,891	11,225	131,754	132,673
East South Central.....	1,887	1,996	21,309	21,843
West South Central.....	8,054E	5,867	74,028E	69,131
Mountain.....	4,348	3,845	40,211	43,368
Pacific.....	6,752	6,530	73,589	82,541
TOTAL UNITED STATES.....	59,750E	48,650	566,942E	581,242R

R=Revised Seasonal Adjustment Factor from Jan 1979 to date.
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 (STATE FIGURES ON REVERSE SIDE)

NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS BY STATES AND GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

		Dec. 1982	Dec. 1981	Twelve Months 1982	Twelve Months 1981
NEW ENGLAND	Maine	182	180	1,782	1,907
	New Hampshire	229	182	1,954	1,930
	Vermont	149	111	1,325	1,475
	Massachusetts	1,218	1,092	11,827	12,625
	Connecticut	749	625	7,251	7,893
	Rhode Island	249	196	2,345	2,304
MIDDLE ATLANTIC	New York	6,705	4,860	59,680	58,479
	New Jersey	2,263	1,830	22,401	24,113
	Pennsylvania	1,336	1,229	13,431	13,582
EAST NORTH CENTRAL	Ohio	1,296	1,286	14,495	16,000
	Indiana	1,273	725	8,266	8,411
	Illinois	3,362	2,241	28,469	27,632
	Michigan	1,726	1,338	17,201	17,139
	Wisconsin	613	543	6,179	6,599
WEST NORTH CENTRAL	Minnesota	885	658	7,443	7,293R
	Iowa	561	502	4,221	4,914
	Missouri	894	646	8,613	9,021
	North Dakota	91	92	1,023	1,274
	South Dakota	101	93	809	913
	Nebraska	294	295	2,905	3,269
	Kansas	642	463	4,431	4,913
SOUTH ATLANTIC	Maryland	1,064	680	10,401	9,745
	Delaware	2,641	2,157	21,999	23,544
	District of Columbia	150	216	1,712	1,825
	Virginia	1,071	980	12,023	12,502
	West Virginia	300	314	3,402	3,418
	North Carolina	988	832	9,636	9,394
	South Carolina	382	349	4,003	4,498
	Georgia	1,259	975	12,491	12,380
	Florida	6,036	4,722	56,087	55,367
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL	Kentucky	586	566	5,975	5,725
	Tennessee	695	675	7,454	7,657
	Alabama	315	443	4,373	4,575
	Mississippi	291	312	3,507	3,886
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL	Arkansas	327	332	3,862	4,044
	Oklahoma	1,200E	1,179	13,645	8,746
	Louisiana	1,098	784	14,311	13,519
	Texas	5,429	3,572	42,210	42,822
MOUNTAIN	Montana	124	210	1,609	1,923
	Idaho	134	142	1,742	1,912
	Wyoming	160	145	1,420	1,679
	Colorado	1,373	1,131	11,839	12,523
	New Mexico	241	268	2,455	2,588
	Arizona	912	820	9,558	9,944
	Utah	461	322	3,649	4,030
	Nevada	943	807	7,939	8,769
PACIFIC	Alaska	172	175	2,536	2,286
	Washington	1,034	875	8,673	9,443
	Oregon	672	479	6,123	6,419
	California	4,616	4,712	53,698	61,343
	Hawaii	258	289	2,559	3,050
TOTAL UNITED STATES		59,750E	48,650	566,942E	581,242R

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NEW INCORPORATIONS DROP BELOW RECORD

NEW YORK, May 2 - In the initial month of 1983, new business incorporations dropped 13.1 per cent to a seasonally adjusted total of 49,999 from the record 57,507 set in December, reports Dun & Bradstreet. Still, charters remained higher than any other month of 1982 prior to December and topped by 15.4 per cent their pace of 43,330 in January a year ago.

Fewer concerns were incorporated in the beginning month of 1983 than in the preceding month in all geographic regions except the East South Central where a contrasting rise in Alabama lifted the total. The strongest declines occurred in the West South Central and South Atlantic States where new incorporations slackened substantially in Texas, Oklahoma, Maryland, Delaware and Florida.

Compared with January of the previous year, however, all of the nine major geographic regions chalked up gains in new incorporations. The West North Central and Mountain States led the advance from a year earlier, boosted primarily by Kansas, Missouri, Colorado and Arizona.

TOTAL NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS

	Jan. 1983	Previous Month	Previous Year
Unadjusted.....	48,099	59,750	42,680
Seasonally Adjusted.....	49,999	57,507	43,330

Geographic Division	Jan. 1983 (Unadj.)	Dec. 1982 (Unadj.)	Jan. 1982 (Unadj.)
New England.....	2,351	2,776	2,057
Middle Atlantic.....	8,423	10,304	7,227
East North Central.....	6,614	8,270	5,878
West North Central.....	2,817	3,468	2,127
South Atlantic.....	10,663E	13,891	9,606
East South Central.....	2,042	1,887	1,893
West South Central.....	5,511E	8,054E	5,146
Mountain.....	4,021	4,348	3,333
Pacific.....	5,657	6,752	5,413
TOTAL UNITED STATES.....	48,099E	59,750E	42,680

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		Jan. 1983	Dec. 1982	Jan. 1982
NEW ENGLAND	Maine	182	182	134
	New Hampshire	184	229	148
	Vermont	123	149	100
	Massachusetts	940	1,218	922
	Connecticut	685	749	572
	Rhode Island	237	249	181
MIDDLE ATLANTIC	New York	5,080	6,705	4,362
	New Jersey	2,131	2,263	1,746
	Pennsylvania	1,212	1,336	1,119
EAST NORTH CENTRAL	Ohio	1,213	1,296	1,258
	Indiana	758	1,273	626
	Illinois	2,570	3,362	2,309
	Michigan	1,582	1,726	1,248
	Wisconsin	491	613	437
WEST NORTH CENTRAL	Minnesota	665	885	498
	Iowa	331	561	285
	Missouri	861	894	620
	North Dakota	94	91	114
	South Dakota	63	101	53
	Nebraska	249	294	212
	Kansas	554	642	345
SOUTH ATLANTIC	Maryland	455	1,064	693
	Delaware	1,826E	2,641	1,713
	District of Columbia	153	150	149
	Virginia	1,022	1,071	868
	West Virginia	284	300	282
	North Carolina	937	988	745
	South Carolina	433	382	347
	Georgia	976	1,259	870
	Florida	4,577	6,036	3,939
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL	Kentucky	541	586	503
	Tennessee	665	695	618
	Alabama	550	315	493
	Mississippi	286	291	279
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL	Arkansas	327	327	399
	Oklahoma	830E	1,200	1,263
	Louisiana	950	1,098	506
	Texas	3,404	5,429	2,978
MOUNTAIN	Montana	155	124	181
	Idaho	250	134	148
	Wyoming	103	160	102
	Colorado	1,356	1,373	985
	New Mexico	211	241	208
	Arizona	1,014	912	743
	Utah	315	461	329
	Nevada	617	943	637
PACIFIC	Alaska	178	172	150
	Washington	574	1,034	690
	Oregon	610	672	467
	California	4,069	4,616	3,922
	Hawaii	226	258	184
TOTAL UNITED STATES		48,099E	59,750E	42,680

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NEW INCORPORATIONS DIP FOR SECOND MONTH

NEW YORK, June 17--Slackening further from the record set in the final month of 1982, new business incorporations dipped 3.4 per cent in February to a seasonably adjusted total of 48,296 from 49,999 in January, reports Dun & Bradstreet. Although charterings remained above their February 1982 pace of 47,234, the margin narrowed appreciably to 2.2 per cent.

The slowdown between January and February prevailed in eight geographic regions and held virtually steady in one, the South Atlantic. Off most sharply from a month earlier were business charters in the Mountain and West North Central States, particularly Colorado, Arizona, Kansas, and Missouri. More concerns were incorporated than in the comparable month last year in six of the nation's nine major regions. The strongest rise, 11.2 per cent, took place in the East North Central States; the strongest drop, 12.1 per cent, was in the West South Central, most noticeably in Texas and Oklahoma.

TOTAL NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS

	Feb. 1983	Previous Month	Previous Year
Unadjusted	43,756	48,099	42,511
Seasonally Adjusted	48,296	49,999	47,234

Geographic Division	Feb. 1983	Feb. 1982	Two Months 1983 (unadj.)	Two Months 1982 (unadj.)
NEW ENGLAND	2,026	1,880	4,377	3,937
MIDDLE ATLANTIC	7,652	6,973	16,075	14,200
EAST NORTH CENTRAL	6,064	5,454	12,678	11,332
WEST NORTH CENTRAL	2,179	2,081	4,996	4,208
SOUTH ATLANTIC	10,691E	10,282	21,354E	19,888
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL	1,820	1,736	3,862	3,629
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL	5,075E	5,775	10,586E	10,921
MOUNTAIN	2,910	2,985	6,931	6,318
PACIFIC	5,339	5,345	10,996	10,758
TOTAL UNITED STATES	43,756 E	42,511	91,855 E	85,191

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NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS BY STATES AND GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

		Feb. 1983	Feb. 1982	Two Months 1983	Two Months 1982
NEW ENGLAND	Maine	155	114	337	248
	New Hampshire	128	85	312	233
	Vermont	120	68	243	168
	Massachusetts	843	901	1,783	1,823
	Connecticut	606	556	1,291	1,128
	Rhode Island	174	156	411	337
MIDDLE ATLANTIC	New York	4,632	4,303	9,712	8,665
	New Jersey	1,978	1,695	4,109	3,441
	Pennsylvania	1,042	975	2,254	2,094
EAST NORTH CENTRAL	Ohio	1,182	1,135	2,395	2,393
	Indiana	620	554	1,378	1,180
	Illinois	2,362	2,120	4,932	4,429
	Michigan	1,471	1,207	3,053	2,455
	Wisconsin	429	438	920	875
WEST NORTH CENTRAL	Minnesota	560	495	1,225	993
	Iowa	332	284	663	569
	Missouri	646	649	1,507	1,269
	North Dakota	53	66	147	180
	South Dakota	58	58	121	111
	Nebraska	203	222	452	434
	Kansas	327	307	881	652
SOUTH ATLANTIC	Maryland	1,019	882	1,474	1,575
	Delaware	1,690E	1,616	3,516	3,329
	District of Columbia	139	146	292	295
	Virginia	861	924	1,883	1,792
	West Virginia	260	220	544	502
	North Carolina	837	772	1,774	1,517
	South Carolina	360	361	793	708
	Georgia	1,049	988	2,025	1,858
	Florida	4,476	4,373	9,053	8,312
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL	Kentucky	474	481	1,015	984
	Tennessee	611	592	1,276	1,210
	Alabama	432	372	982	865
	Mississippi	303	291	589	570
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL	Arkansas	274	275	601	674
	Oklahoma	720E	1,236	1,550E	2,499
	Louisiana	736	962	1,686	1,468
	Texas	3,345	3,302	6,749	6,280
MOUNTAIN	Montana	111	139	266	320
	Idaho	108	115	358	263
	Wyoming	80	109	183	211
	Colorado	892	835	2,248	1,820
	New Mexico	169	171	380	379
	Arizona	642	775	1,656	1,518
	Utah	328	262	643	591
	Nevada	580	579	1,197	1,216
PACIFIC	Alaska	181	169	359	319
	Washington	635	648	1,209	1,338
	Oregon	459	454	1,069	921
	California	3,868	3,872	7,937	7,794
	Hawaii	196	202	422	386
TOTAL UNITED STATES		43,756	42,511	91,855E	85,191

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NEW INCORPORATIONS OFF A FRACTION

NEW YORK, August 5 -- New business incorporations held nearly steady in March at a seasonally adjusted total of 48,032, just 0.5 per cent short of the 48,296 in February, reports Dun & Bradstreet. More concerns were chartered than in the corresponding month a year ago, but the margin was a modest 2.6 per cent above the 1982 pace of 46,816.

Five geographic regions posted gains in new incorporations this March vs. a year earlier, with the Middle Atlantic and West North Central States leading with advances of some 12 per cent. On the other hand, decreases prevailed in the nation's other four regions--the South Atlantic, East and West South Central, and Pacific States.

During the first quarter of 1983, 145,651 concerns were incorporated, 5.7 per cent more than in the initial quarter of 1982. All geographic areas shared in this uptrend except the West South Central.

TOTAL NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS

	Mar. 1983	Previous Month	Previous Year
Unadjusted	53,796	43,756	52,574
Seasonally Adjusted	48,032	48,296	46,816

Geographic Division	Mar. 1983 (unadj.)	Mar. 1982 (unadj.)	Three Months 1983 (unadj.)	Three Months 1982 (unadj.)
NEW ENGLAND	2,594	2,435	6,971	6,372
MIDDLE ATLANTIC	10,191	9,071	26,266	23,271
EAST NORTH CENTRAL	7,305	6,877	19,983	18,209
WEST NORTH CENTRAL	3,078	2,741	8,074	6,949
SOUTH ATLANTIC	12,078	12,491	33,432	32,379
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL	1,989	2,057	5,851	5,686
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL	6,063	6,483	16,649	17,404
MOUNTAIN	3,769	3,643	10,700	9,961
PACIFIC	6,729	6,776	17,725	17,534
TOTAL UNITED STATES	53,796	52,574	145,651	137,765

NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS BY STATES AND GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

		Mar. 1983	Mar. 1982	Three Months 1983	Three Months 1982
NEW ENGLAND	Maine	166	143	503	391
	New Hampshire	222	158	534	391
	Vermont	217	132	460	300
	Massachusetts	1,100	1,167	2,883	2,990
	Connecticut	689	619	1,980	1,747
	Rhode Island	200	216	611	553
MIDDLE ATLANTIC	New York	6,256	5,583	15,968	14,248
	New Jersey	2,615	2,273	6,724	5,714
	Pennsylvania	1,320	1,215	3,574	3,309
EAST NORTH CENTRAL	Ohio	1,394	1,386	3,789	3,779
	Indiana	817	709	2,195	1,889
	Illinois	2,801	2,623	7,733	7,052
	Michigan	1,755	1,578	4,808	4,033
	Wisconsin	538	581	1,458	1,456
WEST NORTH CENTRAL	Minnesota	684	605	1,909	1,598
	Iowa	435	361	1,098	930
	Missouri	886	874	2,393	2,143
	North Dakota	79	110	226	290
	South Dakota	95	69	216	180
	Nebraska	270	283	722	717
	Kansas	629	439	1,510	1,091
SOUTH ATLANTIC	Maryland	172	1,170	1,646	2,745
	Delaware	2,079	2,087	5,595	5,416
	District of Columbia	177	165	469	460
	Virginia	1,162	1,134	3,045	2,926
	West Virginia	365	309	909	811
	North Carolina	926	851	2,700	2,368
	South Carolina	445	384	1,238	1,092
	Georgia	1,259	1,087	3,284	2,945
	Florida	5,493	5,304	14,546	13,616
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL	Kentucky	546	569	1,561	1,553
	Tennessee	755	731	2,031	1,941
	Alabama	457	456	1,439	1,321
	Mississippi	231	301	820	871
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL	Arkansas	406	275	1,007	949
	Oklahoma	828	1,260	2,378E	3,759
	Louisiana	766	1,149	2,452	2,617
	Texas	4,063	3,799	10,812	10,079
MOUNTAIN	Montana	134	117	400	437
	Idaho	158	177	516	440
	Wyoming	101	117	284	328
	Colorado	1,085	1,212	3,333	3,032
	New Mexico	229	213	609	592
	Arizona	890	761	2,546	2,279
	Utah	374	359	1,017	950
	Nevada	798	687	1,995	1,903
PACIFIC	Alaska	269	258	628	577
	Washington	836	857	2,045	2,195
	Oregon	589	548	1,658	1,469
	California	4,790	4,910	12,727	12,704
	Hawaii	245	203	667	589
TOTAL UNITED STATES		53,796	52,574	145,651	137,765

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NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS UP SLIGHTLY IN APRIL

NEW YORK, August 11 -- After steadying in March, new business incorporations stepped up 1.8 per cent to a seasonally adjusted total of 48,903 in April from 48,032 a month earlier, reports Dun & Bradstreet, Charters exceeded their comparable April 1982 level of 46,876 by 4.3 per cent, a slightly wider lead than in the preceding month.

The year-to-year advance centered in four geographic regions, with the Middle Atlantic States, particularly New York and New Jersey, sparking the climb. Meanwhile, the pace of business charterings this April lagged behind a year ago in four areas and held nearly level in one.

An aggregate of 194,925 concerns were incorporated during the first four months of 1983, an increase of 4.5 per cent from the like period of 1982. Only one region, the West South Central, had fewer new incorporations than in the first four months last year--a sharp decline prevailed in Oklahoma and Louisiana. The Pacific total stood only a fractional edge above a year earlier due to a decrease in Washington and little change in California.

TOTAL NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS

	April 1983	Previous Month	Previous Year
Unadjusted.....	49,294	53,796	48,845
Seasonally Adjusted.....	48,903	48,032	46,876

Geographic Division	April 1983 (unadj.)	April 1982 (unadj.)	FOUR MONTHS 1983 (unadj.)	FOUR MONTHS 1982 (unadj.)
NEW ENGLAND.....	2,203	2,260	9,174	8,632
MIDDLE ATLANTIC.....	8,833	8,075	35,099	31,346
EAST NORTH CENTRAL.....	6,120	6,261	26,103	24,470
WEST NORTH CENTRAL.....	2,607	2,562E	10,681	9,511
SOUTH ATLANTIC.....	11,631	11,187	45,063	43,566
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL.....	1,774	1,802	7,625	7,488
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL.....	6,084	6,856	22,733	24,260
MOUNTAIN.....	3,768	3,608	14,468	13,569
PACIFIC.....	6,274	6,234	23,979	23,768
TOTAL UNITED STATES	49,294	48,845E	194,925	186,610

E = Estimated

NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS BY STATES AND GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

		Apr. 1983	Apr. 1982	Four Months 1983	Four Months 1982
NEW ENGLAND	Maine	177	153	680	544
	New Hampshire	207	164	741	555
	Vermont	113	124	573	424
	Massachusetts	1,026	1,011	3,909	4,001
	Connecticut	446	616	2,426	2,363
	Rhode Island	234	192	845	745
MIDDLE ATLANTIC	New York	5,412	5,114	21,380	19,362
	New Jersey	2,229	1,792	8,953	7,506
	Pennsylvania	1,192	1,169	4,766	4,478
EAST NORTH CENTRAL	Ohio	1,100	1,294	4,889	5,073
	Indiana	713	652	2,908	2,541
	Illinois	2,392	2,246	10,125	9,298
	Michigan	1,343	1,484	6,151	5,517
	Wisconsin	572	585	2,030	2,041
WEST NORTH CENTRAL	Minnesota	695	682	2,604	2,280
	Iowa	306	394	1,404	1,324
	Missouri	760	746	3,153	2,889
	North Dakota	68	74	294	364
	South Dakota	80	73	296	253
	Nebraska	298	239E	1,020	956
	Kansas	400	354	1,910	1,445
SOUTH ATLANTIC	Maryland	539	809	2,185	3,554
	Delaware	2,094	1,775	7,689	7,191
	District of Columbia	91	125	560	585
	Virginia	1,141	1,369	4,186	4,295
	West Virginia	324	303	1,233	1,114
	North Carolina	986	777	3,686	3,145
	South Carolina	396	354	1,634	1,446
	Georgia	1,140	1,078	4,424	4,023
	Florida	4,920	4,597	19,466	18,213
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL	Kentucky	522	569	2,083	2,122
	Tennessee	630	698	2,661	2,639
	Alabama	416	201	1,855	1,522
	Mississippi	206	334	1,026	1,205
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL	Arkansas	341	339	1,348	1,288
	Oklahoma	860	1,150	3,238E	4,909
	Louisiana	938	1,961	3,390	4,578
	Texas	3,945	3,406	14,757	13,485
MOUNTAIN	Montana	133	146	533	583
	Idaho	152	189	668	629
	Wyoming	97	137	381	465
	Colorado	1,085	1,113	4,418	4,145
	New Mexico	225	223	834	815
	Arizona	1,004	802	3,550	3,081
	Utah	341	323	1,358	1,273
	Nevada	731	675	2,726	2,578
PACIFIC	Alaska	247	276	875	853
	Washington	731	795	2,776	2,990
	Oregon	605	528	2,263	1,997
	California	4,451	4,433	17,178	17,137
	Hawaii	240	202	887	791
TOTAL UNITED STATES		49,294	48,845E	194,925	186,610

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